

THE AUSTERITY KITCHEN
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Where the alimentary is elementary.



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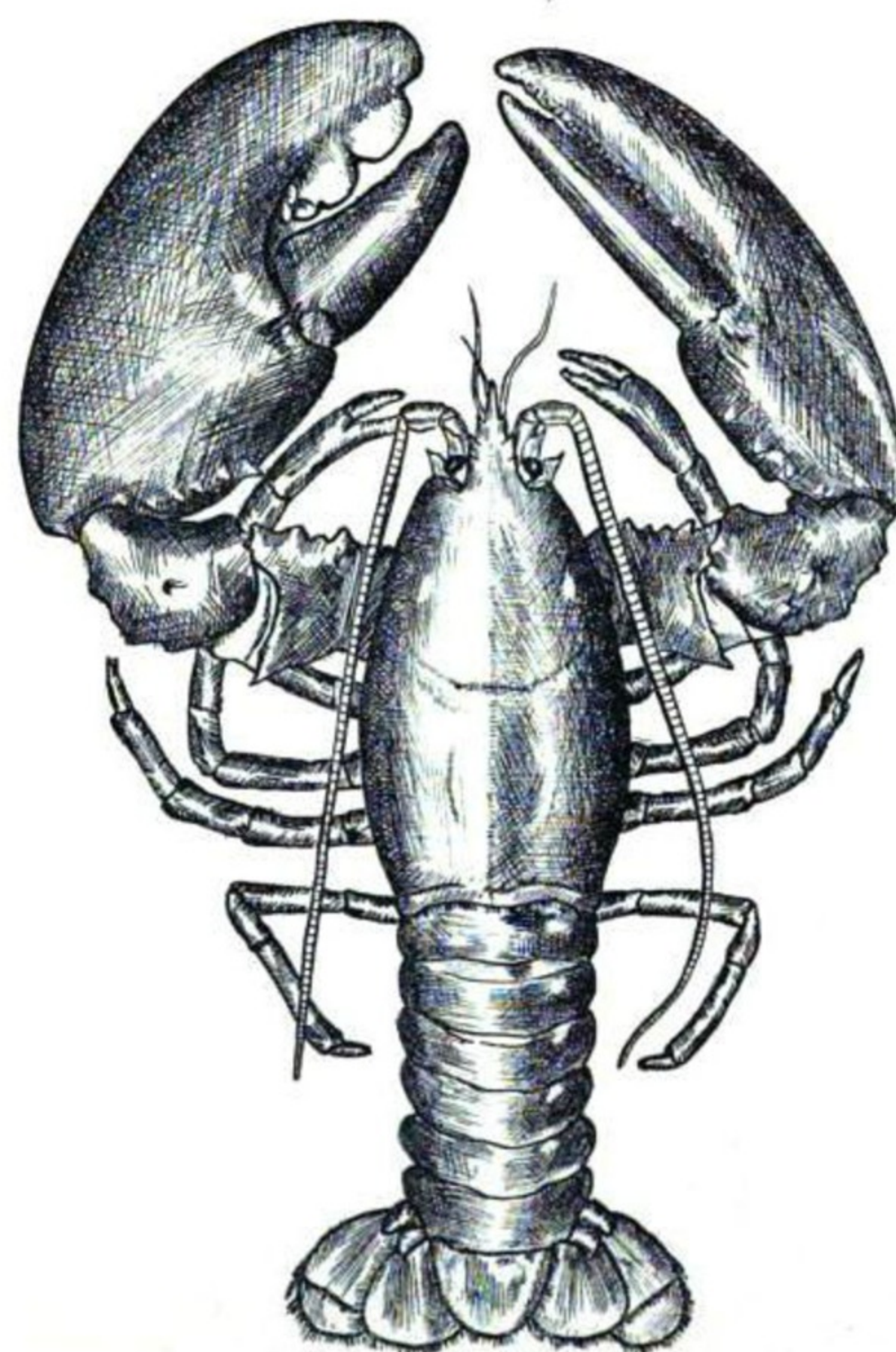


PLATE XXXIV.
VERY OLD MALE LOBSTER.
DRAWN FROM LIFE BY PHILIP B. HADLEY, 1905.

“A man of taste is seen at once in the array of his breakfast-table. Chocolate, coffee, tea, cream, eggs, ham, tongue, cold fowl, — all these are good, and bespeak good knowledge in him who sets them forth: but the touchstone is fish; anchovy is the first step, prawns and shrimp the second; and I laud him who reaches even to these: potted chard and lampreys are the third, and a fine stretch of progression; but lobster is, indeed, matter for a May morning, and demands a rare combination of knowledge and virtue in him who sets it forth.”

—Thomas Love Peacock, *Crotchet Castle* (1823)



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Illustration from “Regarding the Rate of Growth of the American Lobster” (1906)

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